

Black Is... 2005

Booklists for Adults

Contemporary Issues & Opinions

*Suitable for Teens

AFTER BROWN: THE RISE AND RETREAT OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

by Charles T. Clotfelter

An assessment of the successes and failures of integration following the historic Supreme Court decision that takes into account previously unanalyzed enrollment figures.

LC214.2.C56 2004

AMERICA BEHIND THE COLOR LINES: DIALOGUES WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS

by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

In this companion to the PBS series, 44 African Americans from all walks of life—including Maya Angelou, Jesse Jackson, and Colin Powell—reflect on the current state of equality.

E185.86.G373 2004

BLACK IS A COUNTRY: RACE AND THE UNFINISHED STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

by Nikhil Pal Singh

A re-examination of the Civil Rights movement and its legacy.

E185.61.S6144 2004

DEMOCRACY MATTERS: WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM

by Cornel West

In his sequel to Race Matters, West cautions against what he sees as the emergence of an “ugly imperialism” and underlying racism in post-9/11 America.

JC423.W384 2004

***DON'T PLAY IN THE SUN: ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE COLOR COMPLEX**

by Marita Golden

Life lessons about how we perceive skin color.

E185.86.G625 2004

THE END OF BLACKNESS: RETURNING THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS

by Debra J. Dickerson

A call for African Americans to update their attitudes towards race and history.

E185.625.D53 2004

THE FAILURES OF INTEGRATION: HOW RACE AND CLASS ARE UNDERMINING THE AMERICAN DREAM

by Sheryll Cashin

An examination of the high price America pays for its continuing segregation of the

races.

HN90.S6C37 2004

GOD HAS A DREAM: A VISION OF HOPE FOR OUR TIME

by Desmond Tutu with Douglass Abrams

The South African archbishop speaks to all religious persuasions about the redemptive and transformative power of suffering.

BX5700.6 Z8.747 2004

THE HIDDEN COST OF BEING AFRICAN AMERICAN: HOW WEALTH PERPETUATES INEQUITY

by Thomas M. Shapiro

Exposees how yesterday's inequities translate into today's economic disadvantages.

E185.8.S53 2004

***THE MICHAEL ERIC DYSON READER**

by Michael Eric Dyson

Thirty-six selections on race and culture in contemporary America from a major critic and thinker.

E185.625.D969 2004

ON THE DOWN LOW: A JOURNEY INTO THE LIVES OF "STRAIGHT" BLACK MEN WHO SLEEP WITH MEN

by J.L. King

An exposé of the lifestyle and a guide to help women identify "down low" partners, taken from interviews and the personal experiences of the author.

HQ74.2.U5 K56 2004

QUITTING AMERICA: THE DEPARTURE OF A BLACK MAN FROM HIS NATIVE LAND

by Randall Robinson

America's pervading racism drove the founder and former president of the advocacy organization, TransAfrica, to relocate to the Caribbean island of St. Kitts.

E185.97.R665 A3 2004

THE RACE MYTH: WHY WE PRETEND RACE EXISTS IN AMERICA

by Joseph L. Graves, Jr.

A leading evolutionary biologist argues that we have confused human biological diversity and invented defined and separate races.

E184.A1G823 2004

THE SECRET EPIDEMIC: THE STORY OF AIDS AND BLACK AMERICA

by Jacob Levenson

How AIDS came to be one of the leading causes of death among African Americans.

RA643.83.L48 2004

Expressions

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ADVICE TO A YOUNG BLACK ACTOR (AND OTHERS): CONVERSATIONS WITH DOUGLAS TURNER WARD

by Gus Edwards

Ward, actor, director and co-founder of the Negro Ensemble Company, speaks to black acting students about challenges of the craft.

PN2055.W35 2004

***ALONG MARTIN LUTHER KING: TRAVELS ON BLACK AMERICA'S MAIN STREET**

by Jonathan Tilove; photos by Michael Falco

Essays and photographs along the streets and boulevards named for Dr. Martin Luther King.

E185.615.T576 2004

***ATTITUDE! : EIGHT YOUNG DANCERS COME OF AGE AT THE AILEY SCHOOL**

by Katharine Davis Fishman

Profiles of teenage modern dance students – their artistry and their lives as they pursue professional dance careers.

GV1786.A35 F57 2004

THE BLACK INTERIOR: ESSAYS

by Elizabeth Alexander

Culture, imagination and inner life from Langston Hughes to Jet magazine are explored by poet Alexander.

PS3551.L3494B53 2004x

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUL: CELEBRATING AND SHARING OUR CULTURE ONE STORY AT A TIME

by Jack Canfield

Inspiration to go – the latest in the popular series addresses strength, family, community, love and prayer.

E184.6.C47 2004

***COLLECTED POETRY OF NIKKI GIOVANNI, 1968-1998**

by Nikki Giovanni

Arranged chronologically, with a biographical timeline, from one of the most celebrated poets of our time.

PS3557.155A17 2003x

DANCING REVELATIONS: ALVIN AILEY'S EMBODIMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

by Thomas F. DeFrantz

Analysis of the achievements of choreographer Ailey, who developed the world famous American Dance Theatre from a small group of modern dancers performing at the 92nd St Y.

GV1785.A38D44 2004

ENGAGED SURRENDER: AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN AND ISLAM

by Carolyn Moxley Rouse

An anthropologist's look at converts to Sunni Islam and their struggles to practice their faith amidst contemporary culture.

BP173.4R68 2004

HALLELUJAH! THE WELCOME TABLE

by Maya Angelou

Maya's friend Oprah requested "a big pretty cookbook" and here it is - from crackling cornbread to Beef Wellington. Each recipe is preceded by memories about friends, family and food.

TX715.A5697 2004

HIGHER GROUND: STEVIE WONDER, ARETHA FRANKLIN, CURTIS MAYFIELD AND THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICAN SOUL

by Craig Werner

Contrast and comparison of three soul geniuses, who are also children of the great migration and of the black church.

ML400.W36 2004

***IN MONTGOMERY, AND OTHER POEMS**

by Gwendolyn Brooks

Posthumous collection from the Pulitzer Prize-winner and Illinois poet laureate whose rhythmic poems of the inner city span six decades.

PS3504.R7244 I48 2003

MY SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

by Juanita Bynum

Through Biblical scriptures and personal anecdotes, minister Bynum offers guidance to Christians on how to benefit from their pastors and churches.

BV4511.B96 2004

NATIVE SONS: A FRIENDSHIP THAT CREATED ONE OF THE GREATEST WORKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, NOTES OF A NATIVE SON

by Sol Stein

Stein, the editor of Baldwin's Notes of a Native Son, recounts their friendship, which began in high school, through letters, photographs and collaborative works.

PS3552.A45 Z485 2004

SHAKING THE TREE: A COLLECTION OF NEW FICTION AND MEMOIR BY BLACK WOMEN

Edited by Meri Nana-Ama Danquah

A showcase of the newest generation of writers including Veronica Chambers, ZZ Packer, Edwidge Danticat and Shay Youngblood.

PS647.A35 S53 2003

SWERVE: RECKLESS OBSERVATIONS OF A POSTMODERN GIRL

by Aisha Tyler

TV's Talk Soup hostess/ comedian Tyler comments on everything from hip hop and anorexia to Sun Tzu's Art of War.

HQ800.2 T95 2004

VELVET BE-BOP KENTE CLOTH

by Sterling D. Plumpp

Poems inspired by the music of Charlie Parker.

PS3566.L79 V45 2003

***WAKE UP OUR SOULS: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK ARTISTS**

by Tonya Bolden

A look at the lives and works of over thirty visual artists, from ex-slave portrait painter Joshua Johnson to contemporary story quilter Faith Ringgold. Glossary of art terms is included.

N6538.N5B65 2004

WHEN RACE BECOMES REAL: BLACK AND WHITE WRITERS CONFRONT THEIR PERSONAL HISTORIES

Edited by Bernestine Singley

E185.615.W44 2002

Fiction

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THE ACCIDENTAL DIVA

by Tia Williams

Southern middle-class Manhattan beauty editor Billie Burke embarks on a wild affair with "sex and street" performance artist Jay Lane.

ALL I NEED TO GET BY: A NOVEL

by Sophronia Scott

Crita, a Manhattan tax accountant, returns to her blue-collar, Ohio hometown to deal with her father's poor health, her wild brother, and her first love.

AMERICAN DESERT

by Percival Everett

After being decapitated during a car accident, Ted Street sits up in his coffin, and during subsequent adventures, tries to figure out why he is still walking around.

THE AWAKENING: A VAMPIRE HUNTRESS LEGEND

by L.A. Banks

Damali Richards is in the midst of a civil war in the vampire world. Can she trust her ex-boyfriend, now a vampire, to save her?

BANGERS

by Gary Phillips

Tough guy LAPD Detective Sergeant Rafael "Saint" Santini and his elite Tactical Resources Against Street Hoodlums (TRASH) Unit take on the multicultural underbelly of southern California society.

***BECOMING MAREN**

by Africa Fine

Two well-off teenagers must move in with their impoverished father when their mother is killed by a drunk driver.

BETTER THAN I KNOW MYSELF

by Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant

Jewel, a teen television sensation, Regina, a well-off suburbanite, and Carmen, from

the projects, meet as sophomores at Columbia University and form a long-lasting friendship, until one of them dies.

BIRTH OF A NATION: A COMIC NOVEL

by Aaron McGruder and Reginald Hudlin; illustrated by Kyle Baker

Cartoonist McGruder, filmmaker Hudlin, and illustrator Baker create a graphic political satire about the secession of East St. Louis from the union. A graphic novel.

THE BLACKBIRD PAPERS

by Ian Smith

Dartmouth College professor Wilson Bledsoe is murdered after he received a prestigious science award. His brother, an FBI agent, investigates the crime.

BLOOD ON THE LEAVES

by Jeff Stetson

James Reynolds, the only African-American district attorney in Mississippi, must prosecute college professor Martin Matheson for the murder of two white suspects in an unsolved 1960s hate crime.

BOAZ BROWN

by Michelle Stimpson

Dallas high school assistant principal LaShondra Smith prays regularly to find a handsome Christian African American man. Then she meets "Mr. Right." Christian fiction.

CAMILLA'S ROSES

by Bernice L. McFadden

Camilla has a husband, child, and a successful career. However, a diagnosis of breast cancer causes her to revisit her contentious family.

COLD BLOODED: A HARDCORE NOVEL

by The Urban Griot

Chicago college student Janeia Goode embarks on an affair with womanizing professional assassin Warren "Molasses" Hamilton. A new series geared towards men by Omar Tyree.

COSMOPOLITAN GIRLS

by Charlotte Burley and Lyah Beth LeFlore

Charlie and Lindsey join forces to gain the moral and spiritual strength they need to leave their cheating boyfriends.

CRAVE

by Darnella Ford

Michael Moore has reached the time in her life when she wants Prince Charming, but she's meeting Gerry, who doesn't work, Marshall, who used to be a she, and Keith, whose wife keeps paging him.

DARK MATTER: READING THE BONES

edited by Sheree R. Thomas

An anthology of science fiction, fantasy, and folktales by African American and Caribbean authors including Charles Johnson, Walter Mosley, and WEB DuBois.

THE DARKEST CHILD

by Delores Phillips

Dark-skinned Tangy Mae survives an abusive childhood in segregated rural Georgia.

DEAD WATER: A NOVEL OF SUSPENSE

by Barbara Hanbly

In 1850s New Orleans, on a steamboat going up the Mississippi, Benjamin and Rose January pursue the thief who cleaned out their bank account.

THE DEW BREAKER

by Edwidge Danticat.

A dew breaker, a Haitian torturer under Baby Doc Duvalier, hides the brutal crimes he committed in his country behind his new life as a devoted husband, father, and hard-working barber in a Brooklyn neighborhood.

DRIVE ME CRAZY

by Eric Jerome Dickey

After having an affair with his boss's wife, Driver takes \$15,000 from her to kill her husband, but he can't do it, and keeps the money.

EBONY RISING: SHORT FICTION OF THE GREATER HARLEM RENAISSANCE ERA

Edited by Craig Gable

52 stories that were written from 1912-1940 range from sci-fi, political satire, and detective fiction. Includes Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Dorothy West.

FANNIN' THE FLAMES

by Parry "Ebony Satin" Brown.

When C shift of the Los Angeles Fire Department starts to experience strange occurrences that seem to be racially motivated, and their chief refuses to investigate, two veteran fire fighters take on the job.

***A FAMILY AFFAIR**

by Marcus Major

This sequel to Good Peoples continues the up and down stories of the Moore family of Camden, NJ.

FIRECRACKER

by Ray Shannon

Following a wild Las Vegas weekend with Dallas Cowboy Raygene Price, public relations executive Reece Germaine finds herself pregnant and holding a long shot Super Bowl bet.

FATAL REMAINS

by Eleanor Taylor Bland

When two students are killed while working on an archaeological dig of the Underground Railroad, Detective Marti MacAlister investigates.

FLIPPIN' THE SCRIPT

by Aisha Ford

Sabrina Bradley's boss offers her a promotion if she will keep her New Year's resolutions for a year, but one of them is not falling in love, and that's a problem.

FLOATING

by Nicole Bailey-Williams

Biracial Shanna Johnson is caught between the world of her wealthy mother and the tough urban streets of her emotionally distant father.

***GRACELAND**

by Chris Abani

In a ghetto in postcolonial Nigeria, after he fails as an Elvis impersonator, Elvis Oke decides to try smuggling body parts.

HE HAD IT COMING

by Camika Spencer

Five female members of a Dallas book discussion group kidnap misogynist author Marcus Brooks for possible rehabilitation.

HIGH STAKES

by Angela Winters

Marketing executive Sabrina Scott and her ex-fiancé Chicago sportswriter Clark Hunter investigate illegal activities at a Las Vegas boxing match.

HITTS & MRS

by Lori Bryant Woolridge

When Melanie's relationship with longtime beau Willy Freedman hits a snag, will her married boss take his place?

THE HONEY WELL

by Gloria Mallette

After forcing her teenage daughter into sleeping with the landlord in order to keep a roof over their heads, Esther's life as a madam began.

IDA B.: A NOVEL

by Karen E. Quinones Miller

Three long-time residents of Harlem's Ida B. Wells-Barrett Tower tell their stories, solve problems, and aspire to better lives.

IN MY BEDROOM

by Donna Hill

Rayne Holland, an incest victim, seemed to have it all, but then she learned that her husband was cheating with her best friend.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MOON WHEN THE SUN AIN'T SHINING

by Ernest Hill

Omenita and Maurice want to get married but first there's high school to finish, and then college, and when Maurice wants to go to law school, Omenita won't wait any longer.

LAWLESS

by Christopher Darden and Dick Lochte

Attorney Mercer Early, a rising star in an African-American law firm, has been assigned to defend an L.A. cop who killed his wife.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

by Brenda Rhodes Miller

Charlotte has the gift of healing of infirmities by the laying on of hands, but asks God why she is not able to heal those closest to her.

***LEAVING CECIL STREET**

by Diane McKinney-Whetstone

Quiet tree-lined Cecil Street in 1969 is where everybody knows about everyone else's strained marriages, unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

LINKS

by Nuruddin Farah

After a twenty-year absence, Jeeblah returns to war-torn Mogadishu to make peace with his mother's spirit, and finds a city ruled by ruthless warlords and gun-toting teenagers.

LITTLE SCARLETT

by Walter Mosely

As the Watts riots wind down, Easy Rawlins is recruited by the LAPD and works both sides of the law to find the killer of a red-headed woman.

A LOVE SO STRONG

by Kendra M. Norman-Bellamy

Nicole and Bryan Walker, a childless Christian couple from Atlanta, enjoy life until manipulative Tricia Smart claims that Bryan is the father of her twelve year old son. Christian fiction.

THE MADONNA OF EXCELSIOR

by Zakes Mda

In Apartheid South Africa, 1971, Niki holds her biracial daughter Popi over a bed of coals in order to "erase the pinkness out of her."

THE MAN IN MY BASEMENT

by Walter Mosley

Charles Blakey rents his basement for \$48,750 to a white man who wants it for a 65-day self-imposed prison sentence, in order to absolve himself of his horrendous deeds.

***A MEETING IN THE LADIES' ROOM**

by Anita Doreen Diggs.

Jackie's biggest problem was an unrequited love for co-worker Victor Bell, until her white boss was murdered, and Jackie's fingerprints were found everywhere at the crime scene.

MERCY, MERCY ME

by Ronn Elmore

Dr. Dwayne Grandison, a Los Angeles psychotherapist and Christian counselor, is invited to become host on beautiful TV evangelist Beverlynn Boudreaux's new show.

MORE THAN YOU KNOW

by Rosalyn M. Story

In this debut novel, jazz musician LJ Tillman's marriage is torn apart after an old secret is revealed.

MY DAUGHTER'S BOYFRIEND

by Cydney Rax

Single mother, Tracey, teenage daughter, Lauren, and college student, Aaron, form a love triangle that could lead to serious consequences.

MY FINE LADY

by Yolanda Joe

Talented Imani's father wants her to sing in his struggling nightclub, her boyfriend wants to be her producer, and her professor wants her all to himself.

NERVOUS: A NOVEL

by Zane

A psychiatrist helps timid Jonquinette and her alter ego, bad girl Jude, merge into one happy and whole person.

NOW IS THE TIME TO OPEN YOUR HEART: A NOVEL

by Alice Walker

With the help of shamans and hallucinogens, middle-aged artist Kate Talkingtree embarks on spiritual quests down the Colorado and Amazon rivers.

ORANGE CRUSHED: AN IVY LEAGUE MYSTERY

by Pamela Thomas-Graham

Harvard University economics professor Nikki Chase investigates the murder of her Princeton University colleague and mentor Earl Stokes after he announces his plan to teach at Harvard. Third in a series of Ivy League mysteries.

PASSING THROUGH

by Colin Channer

Connecting stories that tell of intersecting lives on a small Caribbean island simmering with issues of politics, power, and race.

THE PERFECT BLEND

by C. Kelly Robinson

Six Chicagoans try to maintain their romantic, parental, and professional relationships.

PUSHKIN AND THE QUEEN OF SPADES: A NOVEL

by Alice Randall

Russian literature professor Windsor Armstrong searches her past to find why her professional football player son Pushkin X becomes engaged to a Russian exotic dancer.

RENDEZVOUS EIGHTEENTH

by Jake Lamar

Ricky Jenks is living in Paris when he gets a message from his hated cousin, "Cash" Washington who needs Rick's help in finding his runaway wife.

RIVER JORDAN: A NOVEL

by Augusta Trobaugh

After hearing Jesus call to her to wash her feet in the River Jordan, Pansy Jordan returns home to care for the grandmother of a lonely little girl. Christian fiction.

SHADES OF BROWN

by Denise Becker

After murdering her abusive husband, Meg Robbins leaves town to go back to Delaware, where she finds a new life and new love.

***SHIFTING THROUGH NEUTRAL**

by Bridgett M. Davis

A coming-of-age story in 1970s Detroit during which Rae Dodson finds that her distant mother is not capable of love, while her dying father's love is too smothering.

SNAKEPIT

by Moses Isegawa

After a twenty-year absence, Bat Katanga returns to Uganda to seek his fortune, but gets caught up in the bloodthirsty regime of Idi Amin.

SOME PEOPLE, SOME OTHER PLACE

by J. California Cooper.

An unborn child narrates as her great-grandparents, grandparents, and finally her mother journey from the Deep South of 1895 North to a town called Place and a Street called Dream.

***SOUL CITY: A NOVEL**

by Toure

Reporter Cadillac Jackson visits idyllic Soul City , which has "more mojo than any city in the world," to investigate its quirky mayoral race.

***STAR WARS: THE CESTUS DECEPTION**

by Steven Barnes

Jedi master Obi-Wan Kenobi is sent to Ord Cestus, where battle droids are manufactured, to prevent the Confederacy from getting them.

A SUNDAY AT THE POOL IN KIGALI

by Gil Courtemanche

Gentille, a Hutu often mistaken for a Tutsi, and Valcourt, a foreign journalist, fall in love as the Hutu-led genocide of the Tutsi people begins.

SWEET BYE-BYE

by Denise Michelle Harris

Chantell Myers runs into problems with her fiancé when she promises God she will reform her ways if He will spare her father from his massive heart attack.

TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

by Lolita Files

Pregnant Reesy Snowden finds out her fiancé is playing the field, while her friend, Misty Fine, faces some unpleasant truths about the man she married.

THE TEAM

by Dawson Perkins

Workaholic Atlanta CPA Gwen Fagan is a cool professional until ex-college basketball star Xavier Dean joins her firm. His presence brings her back to her date rape by a teammate.

TROUBLE DON'T LAST ALWAYS: A NOVEL

by Francis Ray

Lily Crawford left her abusive husband in Texas and fled to Louisiana where she became the caretaker of angry blind neurosurgeon Adam Wakefield.

THE VIADUCT

by Grace F. Edwards

In 1970s Harlem, Marin Taylor kills one of his two muggers. The other attacker swears vengeance, and Marin's baby daughter is kidnapped.

WASHINGTON AND CAESAR

by Christian Cameron

As George Washington becomes commander of the Continental Army, his former slave Caesar joins a corps of black soldiers in the British Army.

THE WAY IT IS

by Patrick Sanchez

Three Washington DC women, plain Ruby, plus-sized model Wanda, and sexy anchorwoman Simone embark on a series of hilarious adventures.

***WHEN DID YOU STOP LOVING ME**

by Veronica Chambers

Eleven year old Angela Davis Brown struggles with loss after her mother abandons the family.

WHO SLASHED CELANIRE'S THROAT

by Maryse Conde

Celanire, always with a scarf around her neck, embarks on a mission to Africa, Guadeloupe, and Peru, to find out the truth about her violent past.

WOULD I LIE TO YOU?: A NOVEL

by Trisha R. Thomas

In this sequel to Nappily Ever After, Washington DC marketing executive Venus Johnston goes to Los Angeles to promote ex-rapper Jake Parson's new clothing line.

WHY SLEEPING DOGS LIE

by Tracie Howard.

Years ago, Mallory and Saxton's steamy affair resulted in the birth of a child, which Saxton, and now his TV superstar fiancée, know nothing about, but not for long.

History

*Suitable for Teens

ALL DELIBERATE SPEED: REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST HALF CENTURY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

by Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.

Looks at the history of Brown from the author's perspective, starting in the Central Valley of California, through busing in Boston, to the recent debate on affirmative action at the University of Michigan.

KF4757.O35 2004

BLOOD DONE SIGN MY NAME

by Timothy B. Tyson

The author, a white professor of African American studies, returns to his childhood home, Oxford, North Carolina, to investigate the murder of a black man in 1970. F264.095T97 2004

***BREAKING THE ICE: THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY**

by Cecil Harris, forward by Anson Carter, afterward by Grant Fuhr.

The author looks at the history of blacks in hockey, a sport known for its whiteness, and towards the future of black involvement in the sport.

GV846.5.H37 2003

***BROTHERS IN ARMS: THE EPIC STORY OF THE 761ST TANK BATTALION, WWII'S FORGOTTEN HEROES**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anthony Walton.

A typical war story with a difference, as the 761st, battled the Germans and racial prejudice.

D769.306 761st .A24 2004

DYNASTY'S END: BILL RUSSELL AND THE 1968-69 WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON CELTICS

by Thomas J. Whalen.

Follows Bill Russell, social activist and basketball idol, in his last season as player-coach of the Boston Celtics. Also looks at race in Boston and the NBA.

GV885.52.B67W53 2004

***FLEEING FOR FREEDOM: STORIES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD AS TOLD BY LEVI COFFIN AND WILLIAM STILL**

edited by George and Willene Hendrick.

Selections of Coffin and Still's accounts of the Underground Railroad.

E450.F535 2004

FROM JIM CROW TO CIVIL RIGHTS: THE SUPREME COURT AND THE STRUGGLE FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

by Michael J. Klarman.

A treatment of the impact of Brown, told chiefly from a legal perspective.

KF4757.K58 2004

***MY SOUL LOOKS BACK IN WONDER: VOICES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS EXPERIENCE**

by Juan Williams.

Offers a view of the civil rights movement, from the 1950s to the present, through the eyes of 33 participants as varied as B.B. King, Alvin Poussaint, and Eugene Rivers.

E184.A1W455 2004

NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL: THE RISE AND RUIN OF A BLACK INSTITUTION

by Neil Lanctot.

Traces the history of the Negro Leagues, from the beginnings of segregated baseball to the integration of the major leagues.

GV875.N35L36 2004

***POST-SOUL NATION: THE EXPLOSIVE, CONTRADICTORY, TRIUMPHANT, AND TRAGIC 1980S AS EXPERIENCED BY AFRICAN AMERICANS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS BLACKS AND BEFORE THAT NEGROES)**

by Nelson George

From Bill Cosby to Scot LaRock and from M.O.V.E. to Jesse Jackson, a chronological approach to the '80s.

E185.615.G465 2004

THE PURSUIT OF FAIRNESS: A HISTORY OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

by Terry H. Anderson.

Affirmative action from its beginnings in the defense industry in the 1940s to the Supreme Court decision on the policies at the University of Michigan.

HF5549.5.A34A53 2004

RISING FROM THE RAILS: PULLMAN PORTERS AND THE MAKING OF THE BLACK MIDDLE CLASS

by Larry Tye.

The author presents a history of the Pullman porters, their origins, attempts to organize, and their leadership in the civil rights movement.

HD8039.R362 U68 2004

SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL: HOMER PLESSY AND THE SUPREME COURT DECISION THAT LEGALIZED RACISM

by Harvey Fireside.

Looks at the Plessy case, the history leading up to it, and the legacies.

KF223.P56 F58 2004

***SILENT COVENANTS: BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE UNFULFILLED HOPES FOR RACIAL REFORM**

by Derrick Bell

Bell looks to the past to view the development of relations between the races and to the future to see how racial equality in education can be achieved. He theorizes that opportunities could have increased with the opposite decision.

KF4155.B38 2004

TO THE MOUNTAINTOP: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S SACRED MISSION TO SAVE AMERICA 1955-1968

by Stewart Burns.

A biographical treatment of King from the beginning of the Montgomery bus boycott to his assassination in Memphis, keying in on the religious aspect of his work and his private torments.

E185.97.K5 B798 2004

TWO SOULS INDIVISIBLE: THE FRIENDSHIP THAT SAVED TWO POWS IN VIETNAM

by James S. Hirsch.

This volume tells the story of the unlikeliest of relationships- between a southern white man and a black man- forged in a North Vietnamese POW camp.

DS359.4.H57 2004

International

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AVENGERS OF THE NEW WORLD: THE STORY OF THE HAITIAN REVOLUTION

by Laurent Dubois

Chronicles the revolt of 1791-1803 in which the French colony of slaves was transformed into the first independent nation in Latin America.

F1923 D83 2004

BONE TO PICK: OF FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION, REPARATION, AND REVENGE

by Ellis Cose

Newsweek editor Cose travels around the world from the Maori in New Zealand, Peruvian Indians, South African blacks, and explores the quest of victims to face their past suffering.

BJ1476 C67 2004

BUTABU ADOBE ARCHITECTURE OF WEST AFRICA

by James Morris Text by Suzanne Preston Blier

Photographic collection of buildings made of the most humble of materials—mud.
NA1598 M67 2004

***A CONTINENT FOR THE TAKING: THE TRAGEDY AND HOPE OF AFRICA**

by Howard W. French

A New York Times journalist describes the disastrous consequences of the centuries-old encounter between Africa and the West, and takes us inside Liberia, Nigeria, Mali and the Congo.

DT352.2 F74 2004

ESCAPE FROM SLAVERY: THE TRUE STORY OF MY TEN YEARS IN CAPTIVITY AND MY JOURNEY TO FREEDOM IN AMERICA

by Francis Bok

As a seven year old boy growing up in Sudan, Bok is kidnapped and forced to work in a household.

E184 S77B65 2003

LEARNING TO LOVE AFRICA: MY JOURNEY FROM AFRICA TO HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL AND BACK

by Monique Maddy

The author, born in Africa, but educated in the United States, returns with an MBA to start up a multi-national telecommunications and media company.

HD6072.6 T34 M33

VODOU SHAMAN: THE HAITIAN WAY OF HEALING AND POWER

by Ross Heaven

A British-born voodoo priest outlines the tradition's core beliefs and guides the reader with exercises for spiritual practice.

BL2490 H43 2003

Personalities

*Suitable for Teens

***AFENI SHAKUR: EVOLUTION OF A REVOLUTIONARY**

by Jasmine Guy

A series of conversations on themes such as love, race, drugs, music, and, of course, her son Tupac.

E185.97.S528G89 2004

ALICE WALKER: A LIFE

by Evelyn C. White

A portrait of the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer detailing her birth into a family of Georgia sharecroppers, her activism during the 1960s, and her literary achievements.

PS3573.A425 Z93 2004

BECOMING SOMETHING: THE LIFE STORY OF CANADA LEE

by Mona Z. Smith

Canada Lee, actor, activist, and athlete, was the first African-American to break the color barrier in Hollywood. His life and career were profoundly affected by the McCarthy hearings in the 1950s.

PN2287.L2898 S65 2004

***BETTY SHABAZZ: A REMARKABLE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND FAITH BEFORE AND**

AFTER MALCOLM X

by Russell J. Rickford

Profiles her life before, during, and after her marriage; as well as her evolution into a powerful and outspoken African-American leader until her death in 1997.

BP223.Z8R53 2003

***THE BIG O: MY LIFE, MY TIMES, MY GAME**

by Oscar Robertson

The legendary basketball star details his accomplishments on and off the court, and the racism that cost him his career.

GV884.R6A3 2003x

THE BILLION DOLLAR BET: ROBERT JOHNSON AND THE INSIDE STORY OF BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION

by Brett Pulley

Award-winning journalist Brett Pulley takes an in-depth look at the founder of Black Entertainment Television.

HE8700.8.P85 2004

BLACK TITAN: A.G. GASTON AND THE MAKING OF A BLACK MILLIONAIRE

by Carol Jenkins and Elizabeth Gardner Hines

Guided by the question, "What do my people need now?", Gaston was able to amass a fortune that benefited both his family and the African American people.

HC102.5.G375 J46 2004

BURNING DOWN MY MASTERS' HOUSE: MY LIFE AT THE NEW YORK TIMES

by Jayson Blair

Written to share his story of deceit and subsequent cover-up at the New York Times, Blair's firsthand account provides the missing pieces of the puzzle.

PN4874.B53 A3 2004

CLIMBING HIGHER

by Montel Williams with Lawrence Grobel

The popular TV talk-show host looks back on his career, his personal life, and his battle with multiple sclerosis.

PN1992.4.W553A3 2004

***COOKING WITH GREASE**

by Donna Brazile

A personal and political memoir in which Brazile reviews her thirty years in politics as she becomes the first African American to lead a major political campaign.

E840.8.B725 A3 2004

***ESCAPING THE DELTA: ROBERT JOHNSON AND THE INVENTION OF THE BLUES**

by Elijah Wald

An account of Johnson's work in the context of the history of the blues from its rural folk roots to the current style.

ML420.J735 W35 2004

FINDING GRACE: TWO SISTERS AND THE SEARCH FOR MEANING BEYOND THE COLOR LINE

by Shirley Taylor Haizlip

In this sequel to her highly acclaimed memoir, *The Sweeter the Juice*, Haizlip explores the relationship of her mother and aunt, and the cultural dimensions of having lived on opposite sides of the race line.

E185.96.H173 2004

FROM RAGE TO REASON: MY LIFE IN TWO AMERICAS

by Janet Langhart Cohen

Using her anger to fuel positive change, Cohen recounts her personal history from a poor girl from the projects, who became an Ebony fashion model, a respected journalist and subsequently the First Lady of the Pentagon.

PN4874.C644 A4 2004x

***HANK AARON AND THE HOME RUN THAT CHANGED AMERICA**

by Tom Stanton

In the midst of social, racial and political upheaval, Hank Aaron, stepped forward and broke the record of baseball legend Babe Ruth.

GV865.A25 S83 2004

HARRIET JACOBS: A LIFE

by Jean Fagan Yellin

Discusses the life of the author of the most widely read woman's slave narrative.

E444.J17 Y45 2004

***HARRIET TUBMAN: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM**

by Catherine Clinton

Captures the complex life and personality of an important historical figure, revealing

her personal life, accomplishments, and influence.
E444.T82 C57 2004

JUDGING THOMAS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CLARENCE THOMAS

by Ken Foskett
A portrait of the controversial and enigmatic Supreme Court justice.
KF8745.T48J83 2004

LOUIS ARMSTRONG: THE OFF STAGE STORY OF SATCHMO

by Michael Cogswell
A tribute to the man and his music through photographs and remembrances.
ML419.A75 C63 2003

LT: OVER THE EDGE: TACKLING QUARTERBACKS, DRUGS, AND A WORLD

Beyond Football
by Lawrence Taylor with Steve Serby
A memoir detailing the Hall of Fame linebacker's contributions to the sport, his addictions, and subsequent intensive therapy and rehab.
GV939.T34A3 2003

LUTHER: THE LIFE AND LONGING OF LUTHER VANDROSS

by Craig Seymour
Profiles the ups and downs of the legendary and reclusive music superstar.
ML420.V272S49 2004

MERCY, MERCY ME: THE ART, LOVES AND DEMONS OF MARVIN GAYE

by Michael Eric Dyson
Through interviews with figures close to Marvin, Dyson combines storytelling with analysis to take an intimate look at Marvin's achievements, decline and ultimate tragic end.
ML420.G305 D97 2004

***NO WOMAN NO CRY: MY LIFE WITH BOB MARLEY**

by Rita Marley with Hettie Jones
Marley's widow tells the story of her early life in the slums of Kingston, Jamaica, her marriage, their rise to international stardom, his drug abuse, and her devotion despite his womanizing.
ML420.M33131 A3 2004

ORDINARY GIRL: THE JOURNEY

by Donna Summer with Marc Eliot
A memoir detailing the popular singer-songwriter's journey from Boston choir girl to her reign as the Disco Queen of the 1970s.
ML420.S952A3 2003

THE ORIGINAL MARVELETTES: MOTOWN'S MYSTERY GIRL GROUP

by Marc Taylor
The book chronicles Motown's first successful girl musical group as told by long-time member Katherine Anderson Schaffner.
ML421.M389 T39 2004

***RETURN TO GLORY: INSIDE TYRONE WILLINGHAM'S AMAZING FIRST SEASON AT NOTRE DAME**

by Alan Grant

A look at Notre Dame's 2002 season, following Willingham as the new head football coach.

GV939.W53 G73 2003x

SEPTEMBER SWOON: RICHIE ALLEN, THE '64 PHILLIES, AND RACIAL INTEGRATION

by William C. Kashatus

Focusing on the famous 1964 Phillies' bittersweet season, as an example of widespread racial conflict, the book chronicles the sports career of Richie Allen, his Arkansas days, the Negro Leagues and the history making Phillies era.

GV875.P45 K275 2004

SIDNEY POITIER: MAN, ACTOR, ICON

by Aram Goudsouzian

An analysis of the life and career of Hollywood's only black leading man during the Civil Rights era, from his humble beginning on Cat Island in the Bahamas to his 2002 Oscar for lifetime achievement.

PN2287.P57 G68 2004

***SLAVE: MY TRUE STORY**

by Mende Nazer and Damien Lewis

This is a memoir of a twelve-year-old girl who was kidnapped from her home in Sudan, her seven years spent in slavery, and her escape.

HT1384.K48 N39 2003

SONG FOR MY FATHER: MEMOIR OF AN ALL-AMERICAN FAMILY

by Stephanie Stokes Oliver

The author's memoir is a tribute to her father, Charles M. Stokes, a prominent member of the Republican Party.

E895.22.S76 O44 2004

SPEAK, SO YOU CAN SPEAK AGAIN: THE LIFE OF ZORA NEALE HURSTON

by Lucy Hurston

Her story comes alive with samples of memorabilia from her life experiences accompanied by a CD featuring excerpts from interviews with this writer.

PS3515.U789 Z74 2004

STILL GRAZING: THE MUSICAL JOURNEY OF HUGH MASEKELA

by Hugh Masekela and D. Michael Cheers

Masekela writes about his early life in South Africa under Apartheid rule, his exile to the U.S. in 1960, his pioneering work to raise U.S. interest in African music, and his association with notable musical and political figures.

ML419.M325 A3 2004

THE TICKET OUT: DARRYL STRAWBERRY AND THE BOYS OF CRENSHAW

by Michael Sokolove

A look at the 1979 Crenshaw High School varsity baseball team from Los Angeles, following the individual stories of each member of the team, including Darryl

Strawberry, Chris Brown and Carl Jones.
GV865.S87 S65 2004

TRIBUTES TO JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN: SCHOLAR, MENTOR, FATHER, FRIEND
by Beverly Jarrett

A celebration of Franklin, the author of From Slavery to Freedom, and the father of Black Studies.
E175.5.F73 T75 2003

UNFORGIVABLE BLACKNESS: THE RISE AND FALL OF JACK JOHNSON
by Geoffrey C. Ward

Ward explores the complex life of Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion, and describes what it was like to be a great black athlete in the early-twentieth-century America.
GV1196.J64 W37 2004

WARRIOR POET: A BIOGRAPHY OF AUDRE LORDE
by Alex De Veaux

Published twelve years after her death, this is the story within the story of her passionate life as a black feminist, lesbian, mother, poet warrior.
PS3562.O75 Z66 2004

***WHEN NOTHING ELSE MATTERS: MICHAEL JORDAN'S LAST COMEBACK**
by Michael Leahy

A hard look at Michael Jordan, the man behind the basketball legend, as he makes his "spectacular and disastrous" return to the game.
GV884.J67 L43 2004

WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE: THE OTHER MARTIN ROBISON DELANY
by Tunde Adeleke

A study of the Civil War combat major and Pan-Africanist crusader for Black freedom.
E185.97.D4 A34 2003

YOU AIN'T GOT NO EASTER CLOTHES
by Laura Love

This is a coming-of-age memoir about a troubled childhood in Nebraska with a single mother who suffers from schizophrenia.
ML420.L8853 A3 2004

Self Help

*Suitable for Teens

DR. RO'S TEN SECRETS TO LIVIN' HEALTHY: AMERICA'S MOST RENOWNED AFRICAN AMERICAN NUTRITIONIST SHOWS YOU HOW TO LOOK GREAT, FEEL BETTER, AND LIVE LONGER BY EATING RIGHT

by Rovenia M. Brock, Ph.D
PA778.4 A36B76 2004

HE-MOTIONS: EVEN STRONG MEN STRUGGLE
by T.D. Jakes

Men who believe in stereotypes that real men pump iron are offered an alternative --

real men open up to friends and real men cherish their wives and love their children.
BV4528.2 J34 2004

LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS: THE BLACK PERSON'S GUIDE TO SURVIVAL

by Eric Goosby, M.D.

Helpful and informative guide that covers the basics of HIV/AIDS, how to prevent it, and the latest treatment options.

RC606.64 G66 2004

NO SECRETS NO LIES: HOW BLACK FAMILIES CAN HEAL FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

by Robin Stone

Offers the combined advice of psychologists, social workers, spiritual leaders and abuse survivors.

HQ71 S767 2004

VOWS: THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COUPLE'S GUIDE TO DESIGNING A SACRED CEREMONY

by Harriette Cole

The how-to book in planning the details of the wedding ceremony. Topics include commitment, rituals, writing your own vows and embracing your heritage.

HQ745 C653 2004

***WORKING WHILE BLACK: THE BLACK PERSON'S GUIDE TO SUCCESS IN THE WHITE WORKPLACE**

by Michelle T. Johnson

A guide offering practical suggestions to develop an increased level of business savvy in order to negotiate the minefield of the white work world.

HD8081 A65 J64 2004

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